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Chairman Douglas Bosco California State Coastal Conservancy 1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The Carmel River Watershed Conservancy (CRWC) is writing in support of the disbursement of up to \$1,000,000 in funds, granted to the Conservancy by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, to prepare a habitat restoration and enhancement plan, environmental impact analyses and permit applications for the restoration and enhancement of floodplain habitat on the Carmel River at the Rancho Cañada unit of the Palo Corona Regional Park in unincorporated Monterey County.

This project supports the local watershed management plan and our mission to protect the quality and quantity of water in the Carmel River. More specifically, a restored floodplain habitat is critical to protecting our area's threatened steelhead as well as other aquatic and riparian species.

We urge the Conservancy to award the grant under consideration to this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Abbie Beane

Carmel River Watershed Conservancy

Executive Director



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